

## CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE

### *Biographies from Charleston*

#### JOHN WILFORD ALLEN

John Wilford Allen was born December 7, 1871 at Draper, Utah, a son of Andrew Jackson Allen and Louisa Rogers Meek. Married Nora Ringwood in December 26, 1901. Nora died August 8, 1928. Married Eva Ellertson Kay, March 12, 1930. John died in 1951.

John was educated in the Draper schools and later attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

After his marriage to Nora Ringwood, the couple moved to a ranch near Charleston, where he was engaged in the raising of sheep, dairy cows, farming and the raising of hay and farm products.

After the death of his first wife, John married Eva Ellertson Kay of Provo, and they lived at the ranch home. They were active in community affairs. Later when the Allen ranch was taken by the government for the Deer Creek Reservoir, John and Eva were called to fill a mission for the LDS Church to the Southern States, where he was appointed as president of the LDS branches at Brunswick, Georgia and also Daytona Beach, Florida. After their release and return home from this mission, they made a home in Mesa, Arizona where they engaged in temple work.

John and Nora were the parents of three children: Mrs. Ernest (Lucille) Ryan; J. Edwin Allen, Mrs. Orien E. (Jean) Rose.

#### THOMAS WARREN AND HARRIET MARGARET SMITH ALLEN

Thomas Warren Allen was born January 11, 1874 at Draper, Utah, a son of Andrew Jackson Allen and Louisa Rogers Meeks. Married Harriet Margaret Smith, a daughter of Francis Marion and Mary Elizabeth Shipley Smith, on May 21, 1901. Thomas died November 13, 1946 in Salt Lake City.

Thomas received his education in the Draper schools and later attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.



After their marriage, the couple made their home on a ranch two miles south of Charleston, where Thomas engaged in farming, sheep raising and dairy cows. He also raised hay, grain and other farm products.

Thomas and Margaret were active and interested in the social affairs of the community of Charleston and the county during the forty years they made their home on the ranch. They served together for many years on the Charleston Ward Old Folks Committee and Thomas served as chairman of that committee for nearly eight years. He also served as chairman and dance director on the Charleston Dance Committee and directed the dances held at the Charleston School Dance Hall where people came for miles around to attend the dances nearly every Saturday evening.

He was very interested in education. He served as a trustee on the Wasatch County School Board for two terms, during the years 1919 to approximately 1927, and was active in promoting better educational facilities in the community.

He served as Wasatch County representative on the Salt Lake Federated Milk Board from 1933 to 1938.

Thomas and Margaret were parents of eight children: T. Smith Allen, Harold B. Allen, Rogers Warren Allen, Mrs. Mill H. North (Grace), Mrs. Fay Van Wagoner (Marie), Marvin M. Allen, J. Ross Allen, Golda Louise Allen.